



January 11, 2010

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell

Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: GN Docket No. 09-191

Dear Chairman Genachowski, Commissioners Baker, Clyburn, Copps and McDowell:

The contributions that the Hispanic business community has made to the exponential growth of the U.S. economy in previous decades are substantial. These contributions were made possible not only by the hard work and innovation of our business leaders and workers, but also by the tools they had available to establish and grow their businesses. In particular, the Internet has served as a foundation for many enterprises, allowing them to reach customers worldwide, manage internal operations efficiently, and successfully compete in the global marketplace. That momentum must be maintained by creating a regulatory environment that promotes increased investment in broadband access.

As you consider proposed FCC Internet regulations, commonly known as "net neutrality," we urge you to oppose any policies that would stifle investment in broadband technology. The FCC's data indicates that universal broadband would require investments totaling several hundred billion dollars. In the past two years alone, network operators have spent \$120 billion on infrastructure to make universal access a reality. These critical outlays will continue only if operators are confident that increased regulation will not compromise their investment.

Universal broadband access will not only benefit businesses, but will have a positive impact throughout the Hispanic community. Increased Internet access will provide educational and employment opportunities to all people, particularly those in underserved areas. It also has the potential to significantly improve and lower the cost of health care, and reduce energy consumption and environmental degradation – two of the Administration's top priorities.

We urge you to support universal broadband deployment by rejecting any proposed regulations that may discourage investment and compromise Internet access. Our priority is to make sure our businesses and our communities have the tools they need to grow in the U.S. economy. We appreciate your support in that effort, and look forward to working with you on this important issue.

Respectfully,

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President, IHCC